

The New Testament Church

Ephesians 1:2-14

Introduction:

A. How do you think the world would be like without the church? Why?

B. What plan did God have in place to save mankind since before the world was created?

C. From Matthew 16:18, what do you learn about the church?

D. What does Acts 2:47 teach in reference to the church?

I. What is the church?

A. What or who makes up the church? (Acts 8:3)

B. Explain:

1. Acts 2:47

2. Ephesians 2:16

3. Ephesians 5:23

4. Acts 11:

a. vs. 20

b. vs. 21

c. vs. 23

d. Vs. 26

C. Matthew 16:18-19 talks about the keys to the kingdom. What are the keys and when were they used for the first time?

II. Where and when (establishment)?

A. Divine in origin

1. Ephesians 1:4; 3:10-11

2. Matthew 16:18

3. Do these verses teach that the church came from the mind of man? Why is this important?

B. What are some O.T. passages that speak about the church?

III. One church

A. What is the significance of "ONE" in Ephesians 4:4?

1. **Romans 12:4-5**

2. **1 Corinthians 10:17**

3. **1 Corinthians 12:13**

4. **Colossians 3:15**

B. Does the Bible speak of other churches, denominations or divinely sanctioned religions? Why is this important? What should the world think of man-made religions?

C. If God has a divine plan that means it comes from the mind of God. Who knows more, and why?

IV. Universal and Local Church

A. Universal church

1. Who were the people John saw in **Revelation 7:9**?

2. How is the Universal church organized?

B. Local church

1. 1 Corinthians 1:3 & Revelation 2-3

2.

3. How is the local church organized? (Philippians 1:1)

4. Mission:

a. Evangelism **1 Timothy 3:15**

b. Edification **Ephesians 4:16**

c. Benevolence 1 Timothy 5:16

5. Treasury (1 Corinthians 16:1-2)

Conclusion:

A. How much did the church cost God? _____

B. What all did the blood of Christ purchase? _____

C. What should I be doing in the Kingdom of Christ? _____